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號二月五英港香

PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

April 30, TIGERAN, British steamer, 1,670, F. H. Saygar, from Nagasaki, Kobo, and Yokohama, Muhi and General—P. & C. S. N. Co.

April 30, ANGLO-INDIAN, British bark, 884, E. T. Benje, New York 5th January, Kerrosie.

May 1, THYRA, German steamer, 684, E. A. Jacobson, C. & Co. for 24th April. Beans—SCHIENSEN & Co.

May 1, PHIAN, British str., 1,400, E. T. Jackson, Liverpool 13th March, and Singapore 25th April. General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

May 1, LOUISE, German bark, 653, T. F. Kohl, Hamburg 6th December, General.—SIEMENS & CO.

May 1, GLENGYLE, British steamer, 3,300, R. J. Gason, London 23rd March and Singapore 25th April, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

May 1, NAMOA, British steamer, 863, F. D. Gough, Swan 30th April, General.—DUGLAS LAPPIN & CO.

May 1, KWANG-LEE, Chinese steamer, 1,508, Knights, Shanghai 27th April, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

May 1, OCEANIC, British steamer, 3,808, Joe Metcalfe, San Francisco 7th April, and Yokohama 26th May and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.

May 1, NINGBO, British steamer, 702, Schulz, Shanghai 27th April, General.—SIEMENS & CO.

May 1, KWONG-SANG, British steamer, 985, Soliar Whampoa 1st May, General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

May 1, TAICHOW, British steamer, 882, J. Newton, Whampoa 1st May, General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.

## 1ST MAY.

Bulwarks, British str., for Singapore. Esposa, Spanish str., for Amoy. Diamante, British str., for Amoy. Triumph, German str., for Chefoo. Hapton, British str., for Swatow. Alwara, German str., for Holhaw.

## DEPARTURES.

May 1, COCKACK, British str., for Shanghai.

May 1, BANTAM, Dutch str., for Saigon.

May 1, GELONG, British str., for Saigon.

May 1, SOOCHOW, British str., for Holhaw.

May 1, MUNIZ, British str., for Amoy.

May 1, HEROINE, British corv., for Amoy.

May 1, AUDACIOUS, British frigate, for Amoy.

May 1, SAPPHIRE, British corv., for Amoy.

May 1, SWIFT, British corv., for Amoy.

May 1, KWANG-LEE, Chinese str., for Whampoa.

May 1, BENLAWERS, British str., for London.

May 1, TRIAL, German str., for Whampoa.

May 1, ANCONA, British str., for Shanghai.

May 1, HATHONG, British str., for Coast Ports.

May 1, DIAMANTE, British str., for Manila.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per Thysa, str., from Chefoo.—Capt. Kirshstein and family.

Per Prism, str., from Liverpool, &c.—250 Chinese from Singapore.

Per Teaser, str., from Yokohama, &c.—For Hongkong.—Mr. and Mrs. Powell, and 5 Chinese from Yokohama.—Capt. D. Sims, Messrs. Robinson, V. Roche, T. Winkerton, L. Willis, Franks, Lindbergh, and Horningham, and 1 Chinese. From Nagasaki.—Mr. Kofod, 10 Natives (crew of S. S. Zambezi), and 4 Japanese. For Colombo.—Messrs. Kennedy and Logan, from Yokohama. For London.—Messrs. Shattock and Hendon, from Yokohama.

Per Yenpo, str., from Swatow.—Capt. Hasenwinkel, and 200 Chinese.

Per Kuang-lee, str., from Shanghai.—Messrs. McFarlane and Mills, and 140 Chinese.

Per Glenroy, str., from London, &c.—Mrs. Gregson, Miss Gregson, Mrs. Bremner and family, Capt. Hill, Master Collins, Mr. Bunt, and 200 Chinese from Singapore.

Per Niagro, str., from Shanghai.—Capt. C. Ross (of the Commander of the *Sao Paulo*), and officers.

Per Oceanic, str., from San Francisco, for Miss H. E. Harwell, Mrs. Kendall, and Mr. and A. G. Stoker, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hoo Yew, and 84 Chinese, steerage.

## DEPARTED.

Per Ancon, str., for Shanghai.—From London.—Mr. and Mrs. Leigh, Mr. P. Moore, man servant and maid, Mrs. R. S. Sowerby's maid, and Mr. Holliday's maid. French Marcelline.—Misses Peel and Hague, from Brindisi.—Mr. Herbert, from Naples.—Mr. G. Frost, for Yokohama.—From Marcelline.—Mr. Husegave, from Penang.—Mr. Kofod, 10 Natives (crew of S. S. Zambezi), and 4 Japanese. For Colombo.—Messrs. Kennedy and Logan, from Yokohama. For London.—Messrs. Shattock and Hendon, from Yokohama.

Per Diamente, str., from Manila.—Messrs. Wm. Harrison, W. A. Drif, James Trapp, and Geo. Macfarlane, and 15 Chinese, deck. For Amoy.

110 Chinese, deck.

## REPORTS.

The British steamer *Glenroy*, from London 23rd March, and Singapore 25th April, reports from Singapore bad fine weather during the passage.

The British steamer *Priam*, from Liverpool 10th March, and Singapore 25th April, reports from Singapore had fine clear weather the whole way.

The Chinese steamer *Kuang-lee*, from Shanghai 27th April, reports had fine clear weather. Ashore at 2:30 p.m. passed the Red Buoy, thick fog. Left again at 10 p.m. passed Ting Ting at 9 p.m., the 28th April; fog set in which lasted all day down to the Brothers, winds southerly from there to port fine, clear weather and S.E. winds.

The British steamer *Nanow*, from Swatow 30th April, reports had light S.W. winds and fine, clear weather throughout, sea smooth. In Swatow straights Nanchwang, Yihang, and Formosa.

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The British bark *Antiochite*, from New York 5th January, reports from New York to Sunda Straits on the 2nd April, rough weather throughout, thence to port much calm and light variable air, generally from between South and East. On the 29th March, spoke a German bark showing KNJT, in lat. 0.19 S., long. 102.30 E., from Liverpool for Singapore, 9th out.

The British steamer *Oceanic*, from San Francisco 1st April, and Yokohama 20th reports from San Francisco had fine, clear weather, winds all the time except 10th and 16th, when it was considered strong from fresh W. and N.W. gale and heavy sea. From Yokohama had light variable winds and very smooth sea, from 1st 20th, and long 12° E. to port Amoy, foggy, misty weather; from thence to port fine weather. Passage 5 days and 5 hours from Yokohama.

## INTIMATIONS.

## STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS \$6,696,425

ANNUAL INCOME \$2,900,000

SUMS ASSURED \$20,000,000

CLAIMS PAID \$12,000,000

## BANKS.

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

## PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND \$3,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS

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## TEA SEASON, 1888!

## FOR SALE.

## TEA-TASTER'S POTS AND CUPS.

## SINGLE EBONY TIME GLASSES.

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## TEA-TASTER'S SCALERS.

## MAGNETS FOR TEA-TASTER'S USE.

## LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; CO.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1888.

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KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Through the Yangtze Gorges or Trade and Travel in Western China, by Archibald J. Little, Life in Corea by W. R. Carles.

Colonial Office List, 1888.

Post Office Year Book, 1888.

Government Year Book, 1888.

Silver Wedding Number of Illustrated News, Maurice's Balance of Military Power in Europe.

Martin's Navigation and Nautical Astronomy.

The Pocket Cyclopaedia, a complete compendium of useful information.

Athletics and Football—Badminton Library.

Young Lady's Guide to the Work Table.

Spells of Wit and Humor, 50 cents.

Encyclopedias of Business and Social Forms.

Elly's Sketching from Nature.

Cantile's Text Book of Naked Eye Anatomy.

East Lyne and the Charnings, 50 cents.

What to Read at Entertainments, 50 cents.

Large Pictures from French—complete.

Knight's Hall Household with the best Authors.

Acting Register of the Supreme Court.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1888.

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W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

DOMINION ORGAN & PIANO CO.

Manufacturers of Cabinet Combination,

Chapel and Pedal

ORGANS,

and Square and Upright

PIANOS;

Soles right to use Foly's Automatic PEDAL COVER for the whole Continent of EUROPE.

This device especially closes the Organ, rendering it proof against Moths, Insects, Dust, &c.

STEWARD for R. N. SEAMEN'S CLUB.

Required to be appointed by Admiralty Order.

Applicants should send Testimonials to Auditor, Treasurer, and Interview in Audit. Office, Naval Yard, 10 to 11 A.M.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1888.

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MESSRS. C. GERARD & CO., of Amoy,

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND,

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BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO,

CANADA.

## INTIMATIONS.

NOW READY.—1885.  
THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY  
FOR 1885,  
WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED  
THE CHINA DIRECTORY.  
(TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ISSUE),  
COMPLETE, WITH APPENDIX, PLATES, &c., &c.,  
ROYAL 8vo., pp. 1,200.—\$1.00.  
SMALLER EDITION, 16mo. 8vo., pp. 340.—\$0.50.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY  
has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date, and is again much increased in bulk.

## NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR

## ANNUAL SUPPLY OF

## LAWN GRASS SEED,

AND

## SWEET CORN

FOR IMMEDIATE SOWING.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1887.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 2ND, 1885.

In moving the second reading of the Coroners' Abolition Ordinance, the Attorney-General is reported to have said:—"The Coroner's inquest has not hitherto had the same significance in this colony that it has in England. Legal proceedings by way of prosecution cannot be founded upon it." If we are not greatly mistaken this statement is erroneous. The Coroner's inquest has hitherto, we believe, had exactly the same significance in this colony as in England; neither more nor less, and legal proceedings by way of prosecution could be founded on it. The English law on the subject was adopted in its entirety, and it is by that law, and not by any local Ordinances, that the duties and powers of the Coroner are regulated. In England, as here, it is usual for a person accused of murder or manslaughter to be tried on a commitment by a magistrate, but here, as in England, he could if necessary be tried just as well on the Coroner's commitment. The point has actually been raised in the Supreme Court, and although it did not go to a formal decision, the dicton of the Judge possesses almost equal force. In fact, the question is one that does not admit of debate. That it is desirable the office of Coroner should be abolished in this colony all parties are agreed, but it is well that the step should be taken with eyes open to its full significance.

In reply to an inquiry by the Hon. A. P. Maclellan as to whether it was intended that when the inquiry was made by the Magistrate, the Attorney-General would it would not necessarily do so, that under the existing law a preliminary inquiry before a Magistrate may be held in private, and that there were conceivable cases where it might be desirable for the detection and punishment of crime that the inquiry should be private. But the conceivable evils that might result from private inquiries far outweigh any conceivable evils that might arise from publicity, which is the recognised safeguard of the purity of the administration of justice. In practice it is very seldom that the right of holding inquiries in private is exercised, because the force of public opinion is too strong to permit of it, but occasionally such a scandal does arise, as it did in England quite recently, when a Coroner, for reasons of friendship, sought to keep a particular inquiry private. The result naturally was that circumstances which would otherwise have been recorded only in one or two local papers, were chronicled throughout the whole Press of the United Kingdom. Still, if only to prevent the possibility of such a scandal, we should have thought the Legislature would have taken the opportunity afforded by the Bill now in Council to have established the principle of publicity in all judicial proceedings.

The Chinese Sketches now being published by the Statesmen afford striking confirmation of the accuracy of Huo's descriptions. The Atto made a journey to Tibet in 1844, sojourned there for some time, and afterwards published his "Recollections" for many of which he was credited with having drawn on a fertile imagination. Amongst other things he mentions the tree of "Ten Thousand Images" at the Lamasery of Kounboun. It is said that "the mother of a certain Lama who achieved a saintly reputation devoted him to a religious life, she, according to custom, cut off his hair and threw it away. From the hair a tree sprang up, which bears on every one of its leaves a Tibetan character. Huo gives the following description of this wonderful tree:—"This tree is still to be seen at the foot of the mountain on which the principal Buddhist temple stands, in a large square enclosure formed by four brick walls. Within this stands the wonderful tree, which appears of great antiquity; and though now not more than eight feet high, three men could hardly embrace its trunk. The wood is of a reddish colour, and exquisite odour, very much resembling cinnamon. We were told that during the summer, towards the eighth moon, it produces superb large red flowers; but what most excited our astonishment was that every leaf was really, we had been told it was distinctly marked with a Tibetan character, sometimes lighter, sometimes darker than the leaf, but quite plain. After the most minute investigation, we could discover no traces of fraud on the part of the Lamas; and though, doubtless, people will smile at our ignorance, that will matter little if they do not suspect the veracity of our account."

The writer of the article in the Statesman, who is, we believe, one of the Hindoo explorers retained by the Government of India, gives an account of the

trees which, although we have already published the article in which it occurs, we may again reproduce to show how in its main features it coincides with Huo's account:—"Probably the most wonderful tree in the world exists near this monastery. It is much revered by the Thibetans, as also by the Tartars and Chinese, and it is stated that an Emperor of China had a dome of silver constructed over it. It is said to be Buddha's tree, and hence its incomprehensible growth. The truth of the existence of this tree is vouched for by more than one European traveller. The marvel regarding it is that every leaf bears clearly impressed on it a portion of the Tibetan alphabet. If the leaves are examined minutely each one will be found to display a well-formed Tibetan character of a darker or lighter shade of green than the leaf itself. This idea of fraud cannot be entertained, as the characters are as much a part of the leaf as its veins and tendrils; besides, in one leaf the character will be found at the top, in another in the middle, in a third at the base or at the side, and so on. In the younger leaves, moreover, the characters are seen in a state of partial formation. The bark of the tree and its branches are also covered with these characters. If a piece of the old bark is removed, on the young bark under it may be traced in indistinct outline fresh characters in an embryo state, and what is most singular, the new characters not infrequently differ from those which are intended to be replaced." This wonderful tree is of great age. Its height is not great—about eight feet—but its girth is considerable; three men with outstretched arms could scarcely encircle it. The tree has a very elegant appearance, for the branches spread out in the shape of a plume, and in stately, much like a well-cultivated and well-trimmed almond tree. Its leaves are always of a vivid green. In summer it adds to its beauty by producing large red flowers. The wood has a reddish tint and an exquisite odour, somewhat like cinnamon. The Thibetans say that it is the only tree of its kind that exists, and have many wonderful legends to account for its origin. It is stated also that many attempts both in Tibet and Tartary to propagate it by seed and by cuttings have been made, but that they have uniformly failed."

That the writer of the above has read Huo's account, there can be no doubt; in many parts of his articles we find suggestions of the earlier traveller; but there is no doubt that he has actually travelled in Tibet, and we see no reason to assume that he sets down anything he has not himself seen or thinks he has seen. If our conjecture as to his identity is correct, he holds a responsible position and would not be disposed to lightly endanger his reputation for veracity. Huo, too, writes in such a strain of unaffected piety that we find it difficult to suppose, notwithstanding the strength of imagination with which he has been credited, that he has been guilty of falsehood, though he undoubtedly was led sometimes into unconscious exaggeration, such as estimating the population of Hukow, Hanyang, and Wuchang at eight millions, about six times as great as it really is in some way, unless we are to believe in a miracle. At the same time there must be some foundation for the myth, when two intelligent and reputable travellers are led to endorse it. To ascertain what this foundation is, and to determine the scientific classification of the famous tree, will be an interesting task for some botanical explorer.

A quarantine station is to be provided at San Francisco at a cost of \$103,000.

We are requested to say that the weekly Layman at the Naval Yard will be discontinued until further notice.

The Agents (Messrs. Siemens & Co.) inform us that the D. R. steamer Lydia, from Hamburg, left Singapore yesterday at noon for this port.

The bark Albatross, well known at this port, has been purchased at San Francisco by John D. Spreckels & Bros., terms private, and will be in the Hawaiian Islands trade.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the Canadian Pacific steamer Batavia, with passengers on board, will leave Shanghai for this port to-day, the 2nd instant at 2 p.m.

A fire occurred at Shanghai on the 23rd instant, in which twenty-nine houses were burned. It is stated that the property was very fully insured.

The Emperor continues to improve.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 24th April.

THE HEALTH OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, 24th April.

TURKS AND GREEKS.

Desperate fighting has taken place between the Turks and Greeks at Canope; so far the latter have the best of it, having killed and mutilated five hundred Turks.

SHANGHAI SPRING RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY, 1st May.

THE HARE-LIGHT CUP, presented by the Rev. James Hart's wife, Ths. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Ths. 5. Half-mile.

Mr. Tom Brock's Dunkirk.

THE CRITERION STAKER, Sweepstakes of Ths. 10, each, with Ths. 100 added; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; second pony to save his stake.

Mr. John's Swayze.

THE GRIFFINS' PLATE, value, Ths. 250, for China ponies that have never run at any meeting; second pony to save his stake.

THE CATHAY CUP, value, Ths. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; grille at the date of entry allowed Ths. 75; entrance, Ths. 5. One mile and a half.

Mr. Tr. M. Preller's.

THE JOCKEY CUP, value, Ths. 100; for China ponies that have never run; to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Ths. 5. One mile round.

Mr. Shanson's Faire.

THE LADY'S PLATE, value, Ths. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Ths. 5. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. Shanson's Harbinger.

THE LADY'S STAKER, Sweepstakes of Ths. 10, each; for China ponies that have never run before 1st January, 1883; grille at the date of entry allowed Ths. 50; weight for inches as per scale; winners 50s. extra. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Shanson's Carole.

THE ROADSTER PLATE, value, Ths. 100; for China ponies (without restriction to height) not otherwise entered at this meeting, and that have never won a race; weight, Ths. 122½; entrance, Ths. 5. One mile round.

Mr. Shanson's Salpice.

THE ROADSTER PLATE, value, Ths. 100; for China ponies (without restriction to height) not otherwise entered at this meeting, and that have never won a race; weight, Ths. 122½; entrance, Ths. 5. One mile round.

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THE ROADSTER PLATE, value, Ths. 100; for China

cal and strategic advantage would be immense, and at critical times the fate of the Empire might depend on the opening of the port—*China Times*.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The G. & O. steamer *Oceanic*, with the American mail of the 7th ult., arrived here yesterday afternoon. The subjoined telegrams are extracted from our San Francisco files:

APPEALS IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, 1st April.  
The sufferings of the Kaiser have been increased by what is everybody's secret, that his household stand necessary to his health, and he has been and perhaps still remains the Conservative party and the Prussian Junkers in endeavouring to undermine his father's position and institute a regency. Many years will probably pass before the whole truth regarding this plot can be known, but the facts which are known are serious, and are undeniably—Puttkamer, Minister of the Interior, and the representative Junker, Petersen, Sievers, and the representatives of the Conservative party.

THE Czar and the POPE.

ROME, 3rd April.

The Czar and the Pope have approved the preliminaries of a convention between Russia and the Vatican.

CANADIAN SHABERATIS.

OTTAWA, 3rd April.

Advisors from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland state that the secession movement in the provinces and the anti-confederation movement in the colony has developed unexpected strength. The Government has been warned to take steps with either agitation. The aim of the secessionists and their leaders is to form a separate confederation of the Canadian provinces, and the United States, leaving the remaining provinces to shift for themselves, without a single open Atlantic port months in the year.

EDWARD'S BILL TO EXPEDITE THE BUSINESS OF THE IRISH LAND COURTS.

LONDON, 5th April.

Balfour's bill to expedite business in the Irish land courts has been published. It extends the existence of the Land Commission another seven years, but deprives tenants of the option of applying for a writ of execution of rents to either a county court or the Land Commission, and gives the right to transfer proceedings from a county court to the Land Commission.

The bill empowers the Land Commission to decide all cases between the commissioners and the county courts, and also on application and for good cause to transfer cases from the commissioners to the court or vice versa.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

LONDON, 6th April.

With reference to the Local Government Bill, Mr. H. H. Asquith has consented in regard to separate counties all towns which had over 100,000 people when the last census was taken.

JACKSON (MICH.), 4th April.

Professor Hogan of Michigan, a noted aeroplane, dropped from the clouds to-day and escaped uninjured. At 11.05 o'clock the professor made a successful attempt to fly seawards, and when he fell he struck his head on the ground and the dented jumper sprang from the machine.

At the time he struck the ground he was spick in the air, but powerful field glasses disclosed his movements. The first second he shot through the air like a bolt and people held their breath with fear. It was thought that the obtuse would not inflate, in which case death was sure. When the man of iron nerve had shot downward about 500 feet the air caught the obtuse and it filled and shot upward, while the balloon, loadless of its weight, drifted among the clouds.

Ten minutes after he left the ground the drop was made, and three minutes from that time he came down in an open field half a mile from where he started. When he reached the ground he could not stand for a few moments, his arms being numb, but he got up in a moment, shook hands with his friends and was off again.

ALL RAILWAYS ARE TO BE ALLOWED RUNNING POWER IN IT.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

PARIS, 4th April.

The *Caledonian Gazette* publishes the following:

"Great excitement prevails in diplomatic circles in Berlin over the rapidity of the speed of the announcement of Prince Bismarck's death, and the announcement was made that M. Melina received from the Department of Foreign Affairs and M. Brisson 82. To defend the late M. Melina was declared elected in consequence of seniority of service in the Chamber. By what combination the result was brought about is not known. The supporters of M. Clemenceau are gratified and indignant."

M. Melina said he accepted the position in the interest of the country. He requested the support of all, including those who had voted for Clemenceau, in order that he might surmount the universal difficulties attending his new duty.

After some discussion the Chamber adjourned until May 15th.

PARIS, 5th April.

M. Melina opposed the communists in their warfare for a phantom autonomy, and is known as the founder of the Ministry of Agriculture, the decoration called "L'Ordre du Mérite Agricole," which the wits call "L'Ordre du Carton."

THE QUEEN IN ITALY.

LONDON, 5th April.

The Queen's visit to Italy is exciting the people of that country beyond measure. All classes, high and low, officials and private persons have done the honors to her, and a bold Bismarck's aged Duke, second Baron M. Deutz's aged Baron third. There were eight starters.

This was the opening day of the Northampton spring meeting. The Althorp Park stakes, five furlongs, for two-year-olds, resulted in a dead heat between W. Burton's bay filly Desiré and Lord Lichfield's chestnut colt Eros, the latter winning by a nose. The race was run on the Dunsden hard. There were six starters. In the run off between Desiré and Eros the latter won.

EARL SPANIER'S PLATE.

London, 5th April.

The naval brig *Martin* manned by boys, is ashore at Black Rock Point, Portsmouth. Tugs are endeavouring to pull her off, but their efforts have thus far failed.

LONDON, 6th April.

The great Northampton and Stowes won to-day Six Threemasters, Oliver, Pasture, Lord Farnham's Decision second, and winning 2000/- against 2000/-.

LONDON, 6th April.

England's richest two year-old, which is guaranteed at 27,000, of which 25,000 goes to the winner, was won by the Duke of Portland's stallion at the Pitsi. Pitts to-morrow. The Queen of Sardinia, King and Queen of Wurtemberg, and the Emperor and Empress of Brazil are also invited.

AMERICA AND GERMANY IN SAMOA.

PHILADELPHIA, 1st April.

It is rumored here that if Prince Bismarck resigns, Count Bismarck, his son, will succeed him. It is affirmed to-night that Emperor Frederick intends on the marriage of his daughter to Prince Alexander. It is also stated that Emperor Frederick intended to confer upon Alexander the title of "Furst," as a proof of the latter's final renunciation of his candidature for the Bulgarian throne, and thus remove all scruples against the betrothal of Alexander and the Princess Victoria.

Prince Bismarck, however, has protested against this course, and doubts are expressed in well-informed circles as to whether the fifth婚 between Emperor Frederick and Prince Bismarck is evidence to extend also to matters of internal policy, can be arranged.

BERLIN, 5th April.

The following passage, which occurred the toast given by the Crown Prince to Bismarck at the latter's birthday banquet on the 1st of April: "The whole imperial family hope that the Emperor will be the present who was to be the late monarch," the *Caledonian Gazette* remarks as evidence that Emperor Frederick will not consent to Bismarck's resignation.

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